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18) How long did Cain live?

19) Did Cain as well as Abel both have a twin sister? If so, where in the King James do I find the reference to that?

20) In the Bible Genesis 4:14, who was Cain afraid of for his life?

21) Is the Earth still groaning under the weight of sin ever since Cain and Abel?

22) What does the Lord mean by the statement about 120 years in Genesis 6:3?

23) Formerly Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the father of Lamech, and the grandfather of Noah died at the age of 969 years old. Why did he live that long?

24) What is the secret of the longevity of the patriarchs in Genesis 5?

25) What happened to Noah's grandfather?

26) Is it possible that job 1:6 could possibly provide biblical proof that the sons of God mentioned in early Genesis were the fathers of the Nephilim?

27) Why do some theologians interpret the sons of God in early Genesis to be fallen angels whereas others compare them to the human descendants of Adam?

28) How did Noah inform people who were living in Africa, Europe, and Australia about the great flood and the ark story?

29) How did all those animals walk to the ark?

30) Did any of the animals on the ark breed during the voyage or was that forbidden since space was limited?

31) How did penguins get to Noah's ark?

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36) Why does Genesis 10:5 say that people already had more than one language before the tower of Babel? Nimrod came after Noah.

37) Can the world ever come together to pursue a particular course like the builders of the Tower of Babel?

38) Is it possible that the pyramids were built shortly after the Tower of Babel?

39) Was the tower of Babel a real place, or it was only symbolic?

40) What is truth in the Biblical story of the Tower of Babel? What was the purpose of building it? How high was and how long took to build it? Why the builders ended up speaking different languages? Have you read / heard a different story about it?

41) Why does the Bible consider the Hittites to be Canaanites if they were Indo-Europeans and weren't even Semites?

42) Is Abraham a descendant of Shem?

43) How do people know the men sent to Abraham in Genesis 18 were angels? Where in the Bible does it tell us or make us believe they were angels?

44) Who was father Abraham father in-law and who did he paid serah bride price to?

45) How many times did Abraham pay tithes?

46) Is it a must to pay tithe?

47) What do you think was going on in Abraham's heart when he sent Hagar and Ishmael away?

48) Why did the Bible refer to Abraham as a prophet when he didn't really look or act like one?

49) How many children did Abraham give birth to?

50) What is the difference between Abraham decision to sacrifice his son, God decision to sacrifice his son, Aztecs sacrifices of hearts to God, and human sacrifices in the sacrifices? Are they ritual, spiritual or barbaric acts?

51) What does God reveal when Abraham says, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”?

52) What made Abraham say, “I and the boy will go over there, we will worship and then we will come back to you” if he knew that he had to sacrifice Isaac?

53) Where was Noah when Abraham came to the promised land? And how did the Israelites know that he was still alive?

54) What was Isaac’s, Abraham’s son, personality and character like?

55) Did Ishmael (the son of the patriarch Abraham) repent at the end of his life according to Jewish tradition?

56) Is Jacob's Ladder a real thing or is it a metaphor for Jesus because the only way to get to heaven is through Jesus?

57) According to Genesis 32:22-32, Jacob was involved in an intensive wrestling match that lasted all night. Who was it with?

58) Is there significance in the Torah calling yaakov "yaakov" at the start of miketz, then switching to "yisrael" in the middle (midrash, jacob, protocl, Hebrew, Judaism)?

59) How many wives did Jacob have in the Bible?

60) What does it mean "to wrestle with God"? What is the Bible story behind this phrase, and how can it be interpreted?

61) The commentary of the Glorious Qur'an reveals that Prophet Jacob (peace be upon Him) possessed the power of clairvoyance. Does the Bible also accept this fact?

62) Why did Jacob favor Ephraim? Why did he place his right hand on him instead of the first born? This has happened many times in Genesis, to different pairs of siblings where the first born will serve the second. Is there a hidden wisdom behind this?

63) How many of Jacob's descendants went to Egypt?

64) Is wearing earrings a sin because in my denomination, they don’t allow it and in the Bible, I don't see where it was stated not to wear earrings?

65) How did the patriarch Jacob become the father of the Israelites and the Samaritans?

66) In Genesis 36, the genealogy of Esau's descendants is given in some detail. Other than recording the fulfillment of G_d's promises to Abraham, does it serve another purpose?

67) Which people within the Old Testament are a type of Christ, and in what way?

68) How old was Joseph when he had Manasseh Ephraim?

69) Scripture tells of Joseph's brothers going to Egypt to buy food because of a severe famine in their land. Where did his brothers and his father Jacob live?

Introduction

H ere in this book my goal is to answer questions which was given to me about Genesis . Which in a whole serves as a Bible Commentary on Genesis. All the Questions are put in a Timeline order so one can easily find the chapter it is in reference to. For example if the Question is about Jacob , it would be next to the other questions that speaks about Jacob. 69 Questions answered having to do with the Book of Genesis. Hope the reader would enjoy it.

1) Is Introduction to Genesis a mythology or a history of mankind?

H istory of mankind , God being the only one who was there could tell us what actually happened and he does in Genesis 1 & 2

Job 38:4-5 NET 4 “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you possess understanding! 5 Who set its measurements – if you know – or who stretched a measuring line across it?

Pro 30:4 NET Who has ascended into heaven, and then descended? Who has gathered up the winds in his fists? Who has bound up the waters in his cloak? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son’s name? – if you know!

Psa 102:25 NET In earlier times you established the earth; the skies are your handiwork.

The Ebla Tablets which was written 1000 years before Moses wrote Genesis , many years before Babylon Enuma Elish and the Epic of Atrahasis gives evidence for the first chapter of Genesis . It speaks of one God who created everything out of nothing. And Calls him the Lord of heaven and Earth.

("Three beautifully preserved copies of a creation account were translated that bears close resemblance to the account in the first chapter of Genesis.....

Lord of heaven and Earth

The Earth was not , you created it

The light of the day was not you created it, the morning light you had not (yet) made exist.")

(Pettinato 1981-244)

2) Did Jesus Christ agree with the Book of Genesis, literally?

Y es he agree with it because he qoutes from it. When in reference to divorce.

Mat 19 (NKJV)[4] And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'[5] and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?

Reffering to :

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Gen 2:24 (NKJV)

He calls himself Jacob's ladder .

“And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."”— John 1:51 (NKJV)

Reffering to:

“Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.”— Gen 28:12 (NKJV)

To Jesus every person from Genesis was real as you and me

He makes mention Abraham, Issac , Jacob

“And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.” Mat 8:11 (NKJV)

He makes mention Noah

“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. — Mat 24:37 (NKJV)

He makes mention of Lot and his wife

Luk 17 (NKJV)[29] but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.[30] Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.[31] In that day, he who is on the housetop, and his goods are in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.[32] Remember Lot's wife.

If he believed in literal interpretation of Genesis, and he was closer to it's events why not we? What is stoping us from doing the same ? One of the reasons I believe in the literal interpretation of Genesis is because he believed in Genesis.

3) What are the mistakes made by the author of the book of Genesis?

N one, only in the eyes of those who read Genesis to try to disprove it find mistakes. Which are more paradoxes then error. If they only study or research more they could explain them alway.

4) How was Moses able to write the book of Genesis even though creation was thousands of years before he was born?

G od told him, who created everything ? God knows the events of the pass and Moses surely spend many times alone with God.

Twice he he went up to be with God for 40 days

“So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.” Exo 34:28 (NKJV)

“And I fell down before the Lord, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sin which you committed in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.” Deu 9:18 (NKJV)

And not to mention how many times God spoke to him in the Tabernacle when he met in front of the ark

“And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.”Exo 25:22 (NKJV)

5) Is it true that Moses wrote Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy? Was it Moses who wrote the entirety of the Bible, or did he only write a specific portion, with others contributing specific amounts as well?

W ell Jesus believed that Moses wrote the Torah or Pentateuch which are the first five books of the Bible. And if one believes Jesus as a authority here ends the argument.

John 5 (NKJV)

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45 Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you--Moses, in whom you trust.46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

The religious leaders in the time of Jesus also believe of Moses Authorship of these books.

Luk 20 (NKJV)

27 Then some of the Sadducees, who deny that there is a resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,28 saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he dies without children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.

Was Moses capable of writing back then. We read that he did write.

“And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord….. Exo 24:4 (NKJV)

“Now Moses wrote down the starting points of their journeys at the command of the Lord…..Num 33:2 (NKJV)

“So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests…… Deu 31:9 (NKJV)

“Therefore Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel.” Deu 31:22 (NKJV)

And we read he was one of education.

“And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.” Acts 7:22 (NKJV)

Before the law of Moses we have the law code of Hammurabi which goes back 600 years before Moses. So there was writing back then. And in Egypt there was the best education. If one looks at archaeology. The only thing that I will say that Moses did not write was his death which I would say was written by Joshua his successor.

If I want to look at the five books of Moses one will find a single author for these five books because each book where one ends the other begins like it's really just one long story broken into five parts let's see this.

“So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt. Gen 50:26 (NKJV)

Exo 1 (NKJV)1 Now these are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt; each man and his household came with Jacob:…5 All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already).6 And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation.7 But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied

and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.[8] Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.

“For the cloud of the Lord was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.”Exo 40:38 (NKJV)

“Now the Lord called to Moses, and spoke to him from the tabernacle of meeting, saying, Lev 1:1 (NKJV)

“These are the commandments which the Lord commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.”Lev 27:34 (NKJV)

“Now the Lord spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying:” Num 1:1 (NKJV)

“These are the commandments and the judgments which the Lord commanded the children of Israel by the hand of Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan, across from Jericho.”Num 36:13 (NKJV)

Deu 1 (NKJV)[1] These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side of the Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain opposite Suph, between Paran, Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.[2] It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.

Now the very flow of the books the way they run one course gives evidence to one authorship. And I will say that authorship is Moses.

His successor Joshua claimed Moses wrote these books .

“And the children of Israel gave these cities with their common-lands by lot to the Levites, as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses.” Josh 21:8 (NKJV)

By the hand of Moses, what do you do if your hand you're write.

More can be said about this subject, like the early church fathers believed Moses wrote his writings, Josephus, Philo, the reformers, and many others. But let's leave it here.

6) Which Bible verses support evolution?

T he evolution that is supported by the Bible is the evolution of the Soul as it goes from one glory to a other glory in the walk of the Lord .

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”— 2Cor 3:18 (NKJV)

But as to find support of one species changing to a other you won't find one .

The Bible does support micro evolution that is charging of species among it's own kind .For example we read this in Genesis.

“Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so.” Gen 1:24 (NKJV)

It's kind it's species מין

Pronounce meen

Means :

kind, sometimes a species (usually of animals) , to portion out; a sort

7) What is the interpretation of the "light" that was created on the first day of Genesis?

T here are many opinions about this light Some say it was the light of the New heavens and New Earth which was to be made after destruction of the first .

“The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.“And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.”Rev 21:23-24 (NKJV)

“There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.”Rev 22:5 (NKJV)

Others say it was the creation of the Angels . Others the light of Christ which was to shine on the believers in him.

“"I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles,” Isa 42:6 (NKJV)

It wasn't the light of the Sun , moon and stars for they were not yet created till the fourth day. This light will remain a mystery till we get to heaven and ask God what was this light all about. And don't be surprised that he might point at you and say to you , you are shining in it's splendor for the saints shall shine like the stars in heaven.

“Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.”— Dan 12:3 (NKJV)

8) What is the face of the deep in Genesis?

“T he earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.”— Gen 1:2 (NKJV)

It could be just a way of saying it was very dark with no light at all. But it could mean space.

The Bible uses this phrase again in Proverbs

“When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He drew a circle on the face of the deep,”— Prov 8:27 (NKJV)

By the reference in Proverbs it could mean space for it states he drew a circle , no doubt that is a reference to Earth on the face of the deep which here sounds like space.

9) Was mankind created from the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7, RSV) or from nothing (2 Maccabees 7:28, RSV)?

L et's look at some references before I give my answer:

The Bible states

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.” Gen 2:7 (NKJV)

Josephus states

Antiquities.1.1.2 (34) Moreover, Moses, after the seventh day was over, begins to talk philosophically; and concerning the formation of man, says thus: That God took dust from the ground, and formed man, and inserted in him a spirit and a soul. This man was called Adam, which in the Hebrew tongue signifies one that is red, because he was formed out of red earth, compounded together; for of that kind is virgin and true earth.

2 Maccabees 7:28 states I beseech you, my child, to look at the heaven and the Earth and see everything that is in them, and recognize that God did not make them out of things that is existed. RSV

Now I will give my answer God made the world out of nothing , he said let there be and it was ,

Heb 11:3 ASV By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which appear.

from this world that existed from nonething God afterwards took dust which now existed and made man.

Little Chart that would help you

God created the world

He took dust which now existed

He made man from it

10) Does the Garden of Eden really exist? If it does, why haven't it been found even up till this day?

J ust because something hasn’t been found or seen means it doesn’t exist. For example the end of this universe or Galaxy hasn’t been found but Scientist states it has to have a end . Atoms has not been found or seen and we state they exist . We don’t see air but yet we need it to survive. Now the Garden of Eden has been hidden from the eyes of the living but those who die in Christ enter into that garden .

When at the Cross Jesus said to the thief who repented he was to see it

Lu 23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

And those who believe in Jesus are told they will one day go there

Re 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.'"

The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. (Genesis 2:8-9 NKJV)

11) If God created Adam and Eve as one race, where did the other race come from?

T he difference of the races it is believed by many scholars to come from the dispersion in the tower of Babel. But that is not exactly true that a black persons only have black babies or white persons only have white babies there have been cases that a black couple or a white couple gave birth to a different color than thier own.

A black couple that was on the New York Post in July 21, 2010 who gave birth to white baby.

A other couple on Sowetan Live May 17 , 2011 which also gave birth to a white babe.

Now let's see the reverse a white couple which gave birth to black babies on Daily Mail Apirl 22, 2016.

It shouldn't be a surprise when things like that happens we all share the same species .We are humans. We call this microevolution . Different kinds among the same species. Which the Bible supports.

“Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so.”— Gen 1:24 (NKJV)

12) Were Adam and Eve married in the Garden of Eden?

Y es God himself preform the ceremony.

God was the best man and brought Eve to Adam instead of a ring it was a rib.

Genesis 2:21-22 [21]And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.[22]Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

2. Adam said I do

Genesis 2:23 [23]And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.”

Notice Adam said this is now bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh.

3. And God gave the blessings on the couple with the following words

Genesis 1:28

[28]Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

This was the first wedding and God was both the best man who gave the bride away and the minister who gave his blessings on the married couple.

13) According to Genesis, "Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it." What's wrong with knowing right from wrong?

W hen all that you know is that which is right then knowing what is wrong has to be attained by experience. So experience of that which is evil. And that is what is wrong. There desire to experience evil which they never felt or done in their lives. As one who never had a drug addiction before but then tries drugs for the first time. And wishes he never tried it because now he or she can't stop. Or any addiction, there are some experiences in our lives that we wish we never done before that was better not knowing how it felt then now being addicted to in some sense or experiencing pain because of it. Not all knowledge is good especially if you have to go through trouble to attain it and find out it wasn't all that you imagined it would be. The saying it can't hurt to try in many occasions it has and it cause pain on yourself and others you loved.Say that you have a child with has a innocent mindset why do you want to expose that child to r-rated movies or filth. Adam and Eve was like newborn babies even though they came to be already grown up their minds were innocent. And it was in no condition to be exposed to things that wasn't meant for them to be exposed to. There some experiences I wish as a child I never gone through like rape by a family member. Now we all might say knowing about sex is good but not in

all occasion especially when you are a child. When you have a mind set that should not be on sex before it's time. Or in the example of drugs there are some drugs we desire not to be exposed to because we rather not have that experience because it would save of from addiction or sorrow by the hurt it would cause our family. So knowing right from wrong in their case was wrong.

14) How long did Adam take to name all the animals? When was Eve formed from Adam's rib?

O ne day , I believe God might of pause time as Adam was naming the animals , for Eve was made right after that in the 6th day, right after Adam named the animals .

(Genesis 1:26-31) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. "Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (NKJV)

(Genesis 2:18-22) And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the

air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. (NKJV)

15) Why are there talking animals in the Bible?

W e have two occasions in the Bible where animals spoke :

Snake who was Satan : Genesis 3:1Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?”

Balaam's donkey : Numbers 22:28 Then the Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, “What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?”

There are other occasions where there are angels who look like animals which speak in worship to God : Revelation 4:8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”

In these cases in the Bible is more than anthropomorphic because these events actually occurred at least in the mind of the writer in the two occasions Moses was the writer.

Other religions also have animals that speak in their stories say for example : For example in Buddhism we can read of people being reincarnated into other animals .The koan tells the story of a monk who, after denying that an enlightened person falls into cause and effect, was turned into a wild fox for five hundred lifetimes. Islam speaks of Solomon being able to speak to animals. Surah 27:18 {At length, when they came to a valley of ants, one of the ants said: “O ye ants, get into your habitations,

lest Solomon and his hosts crush you (under foot) without knowing it.} In Greek mythology Melampus a seer was gifted with the ability to speak to animals. In Egyptian mythology Ra is seen as a falcon.

If the Bible said it I believe it happened as it said. Just because animals are not able to speak now doesn't mean there wasn't a time when they didn't, especially in the time of Adam and Eve because a talking snake wasn't strange in the mind of Eve. If a snake would speak to me I would run away or be scared or find it odd but she didn't she spoke back to it was if it was something normal.

Now when it came to Balaam Peter tells us why God had the donkey to speak back at Balaam . It was to restrain and rebuked the prophet.

2 Peter 2:15-16 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man’s voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

8. Anyone who has a pet can understand that animals are at times very understanding , is like they could sense when we are sad and grieve when someone dies. And even speak to us not in a audible voice but in thier own tongue whether is barking or squealing or meowing. There is a old saying that goes all they need is there speach. Which every animals have there own language which we can't understand but there are some people who have been given in the study of animal communications which is called zoosemiotics.

16) We all know that the Devil creates doubt in order for us to sin (disobey God) what about eve? It’s written no where that she got the command from God or Adam to not eat the of Knowledge so how could’ve she known?

A dam did receive the command in Chapter 2 of Genesis

Gen 2 (NKJV)[16] And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;[17] but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

The one who God gave the command was her husband and we are not told how long they were together in Eden before the temptation of the Serpent came to her.

What was funny about this story is that Adam was with her in her temptation .

“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.” Gen 3:6 (NKJV)

And he ate the fruit purposely , he loved her so much he would die for her . For he was not deceived.

“And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.” 1Tim 2:14 (NKJV)

Adam being a type of Christ died for his love just as Jesus willing died for us because he loves you and me.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” John 10:11 (NKJV)

Old Testament or New is a beautiful love story ❤ Of love so strong that one is willing to die for the other.

In Adam case it brought death

In Jesus case it brought us life everlasting

17) How do theologians know that the serpent in the Garden of Eden is the devil?

B ecause The Book of Revelations tells us very clearly.

Revelation 12:9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And Compare What Romans states with Genesis.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

Romans 16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen. Greetings from Paul’s Friends

And Ezekiel let's us know that Satan was in the Garden of Eden before he fell into sin.

Ezekiel 28:13-15 You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.“You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, Till iniquity was found in you.

We also see the serpent was to have children and they were to be enemies to the children of the woman. We also see that in the New testament with Satan and his children .

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed…

John 8:44You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

18) How long did Cain live?

W e are not told by the Bible , or in Josephus how old was Cain when he died. And the short genealogy that is given in Genesis 4 concerning Cain doesn't pay attention to age of Cain or any of his descendants.

Gen 4 (NKJV)[17] And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son--Enoch.[18] To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.

19) Did Cain as well as Abel both have a twin sister? If so, where in the King James do I find the reference to that?

C ain and Abel was twins but The Bible doesn't say they had a twin sister, daughters came after the death of Abel and the birth of Seth . Not at the same time of the birth of Cain and Abel.

Genesis 5:4 [4]After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters.

It is believed by many that Cain and Abel was twins since the Bible doesn't say and Adam knew his wife again and she conceived Abel after that of Cain.

Genesis Genesis 4:1-2 [1]Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, “I have acquired a man from the Lord.”[2]Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

20) In the Bible Genesis 4:14, who was Cain afraid of for his life?

T hose who was to be born after Abel.

“Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me."” Gen 4:14 (NKJV)

Because Adam and Eve was to have other children after the death of Abel or is even possible that Adam and Eve had other children After Cain and Abel was born for the scripture seem to indicate it in Genesis 4:25 of people already alive when Seth was born but it is well known after the death of Abel Adam and Eve did had other children.

Gen 4 (NKJV)[25] And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed."[26] And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord.

“After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters.— Gen 5:4 (NKJV)

21) Is the Earth still groaning under the weight of sin ever since Cain and Abel?

Y es , this is why I believe we have to go through the thousand year reign of Christ before we get to the New Heavens and New Earth . Because the ground was cursed twice. Once in Adam and the second in Cain when he killed his brother Abel.

Genesis 3:17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

Genesis 4:11 -12 So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.”

And this would also explain why Satan will be let loose one last time before being in prison forever.

Revelation 20:7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison

22) What does the Lord mean by the statement about 120 years in Genesis 6:3?

“A nd the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."— Gen 6:3 (NKJV)

Many take this passage to mean how many years was left till the flood was to come , as a count down.

While other take it to mean that the longest humans will now live would be 120 years

I take it to mean the second for the reason Noah was 500 years old when God called him.

“And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth.” Gen 5:32 (NKJV)

And 600 years at the time of the flood

“Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.”Gen 7:6 (NKJV)

So it wasn't 120 years that pass when he was commanded to build the ark but 100 years unless if Genesis 7:6 is rounding the number to nearest hundred. Which the scripture does like in reference to the Exodus.

“Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. Gen 15:13 (NKJV)

“Now the sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.” Exo 12:40 (NKJV)

23) Formerly Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the father of Lamech, and the grandfather of Noah died at the age of 969 years old. Why did he live that long?

M ethuselah name means when he is died then it will come, speaking about the flood. And we see Methuselah dies at the same year as the flood.

M is for Methuselah.

M lives 969 years according Gen5:25-26

M was 187 when he had Lamech Gen 5:25

M was 369 when Lamech had Noah Gen 5:28

M was 869 when Noah begat Shem Gen 5:32

M was 969 when the Flood Came Gen 7:6

24) What is the secret of the longevity of the patriarchs in Genesis 5?

G od plan it that way so humans could multiple in great numbers. The source of there longevity is God. For like Paul stated

Acts 17 (NKJV)[26] And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,[27] so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;[28] for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

So in God being the source all things with him are possible as he told Jeremiah.

“"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?”— Jer 32:27 (NKJV)

And Jesus told his disciples

“But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."”— Mat 19:26 (NKJV)

Him being the God of all flesh could give long length of life to whom he pleases for the purpose he desires.

25) What happened to Noah's grandfather?

H e died the same year as the flood. His life was a countdown for the flood of Noah. Enoch his dad and Noah’s great grandfather gave witness of the great flood by naming his son the name Methuselah which means when he is died it will come and if one does the math Methuselah dies in the same year as the flood.

(Genesis 5:21) Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. (NKJV)

The Fallowing is the math with verses to prove Methuselah died on the same year as the Flood.

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26) Is it possible that job 1:6 could possibly provide biblical proof that the sons of God mentioned in early Genesis were the fathers of the Nephilim?

Y es this is one of many Biblical proofs.

1) The Book of Job is considered the oldest Book in the Bible written possiblity shortly after the time of Joseph and his brothers. In the Septuagint (Greek version of the Old Testament written 250BC) tells us that Job himself was an Edomite fith generation after Abraham.

(This man is described in the Syriac book as living in the land of Ausis, on the borders of Idumea and Arabia: and his name before was Jobab; (42:17C) and having taken an Arabian wife, he begot a son whose name was Ennon. And he himself was the son of his father Zare, one of the sons of Esau, and of his mother Bosorrha, so that he was the fifth from Abraam. (42:17D) And these were the kings who reigned in Edom,)

2) Since it is Older than Genesis it should established who are the sons of God in Genesis 6 which according to Job, it was the Angels in the case of Genesis 6 fallen Angels.

27) Why do some theologians interpret the sons of God in early Genesis to be fallen angels whereas others compare them to the human descendants of Adam?

B ecause The early church and Judaism in the time of Jesus saw it that way. Let's look at the evidence of Sons of God being the angels we see that reference in Job .

“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.” Job 1:6 (NKJV)

Now let's look Josephus a Jewish Historian living around in the time of the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD he states in his

Antiquities of the Jews 1.3.1(“ (73) for many angels of God accompanied with women, and begat sons that proved unjust, and despisers of all that was good, on account of the confidence they had in their own strength; for the tradition is, That these men did what resembled the acts of those whom the Grecians call giants.”)

Philo a Jewish philosopher living around 50 AD States in his writings on the Giants Chapter 2 (“(6) "And when the angels of God saw the daughters of men that they were beautiful, they took unto themselves wives of all of them whom they chose." Those beings, whom other philosophers call demons, Moses usually calls angels; and they are souls hovering in the air. “)

Justin Martyr (100–165AD) in his 2nd Apology chapter 5 states (“ But the angels transgressed this appointment, and were captivated by love of women, and begat children who are those that are called demons; and besides, they afterwards subdued the human race to themselves, “)

Jude When referring to the fall of the Angels compares thier fall with the sexaul sins of Sodom and Gomorrah .

Jud 1 (NKJV)[6] And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;[7] as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

And Peter likewise refers to the fall of the Angels and links it closely to Noah's time .

2Pet 2 [4] For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;[5] and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

Now while it is true that Jesus stated that the Angels are not given in marriage but a close look at the passage one would read the Angels in heaven.

“For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.”— Mat 22:30 (NKJV)

This other sons of Adam being the Sons of God came about 400 years after the New Testament

28) How did Noah inform people who were living in Africa, Europe, and Australia about the great flood and the ark story?

A t that time all the land was together and most people lived pretty much close by. If we look at the lands in our world one will notice it is like a big jigsaw puzzle.

So all the land being close by and the communities close by they would of known about the ark .

Noah wasn't commanded to preach to them though we are told he did.

“and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;” 2Pet 2:5 (NKJV)

He was commanded to Build the ark.

“"Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.”Gen 6:14 (NKJV)

He preached through his obedience in building this massive ship in a time no rain was seen. But I could be wrong I wasn't there he might taken time to say some words to his neighbors.

“but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground.” Gen 2:6 (NKJV)

After the Flood, the tower of Babel or through time these lands must of broken apart as we see them now.

29) How did all those animals walk to the ark?

M any imagine it to be millions of animals when in reality it was most likely about 5 thousand animals in the ark. For example, there are 14 types of penguins which one can get through time by one kind of penguin. This is called microevolution changes among its kinds. This kind of evolution is not in odds with the Bible.

Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. (Genesis 1:24 NKJV)

The Bible is clear that God was to bring these animals to Noah to keep them alive.

Ge 6:20 "Of the birds after their kind, of animals after their kind, and of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every kind will come to you to keep them alive.

Just like he brought them to Adam to name them he did the same to Noah to save them.

Ge 2:19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

If we can believe that God made the world in 6 days, why not believe he can bring them in the ark. For with God nothing is impossible.

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26 NKJV)

30) Did any of the animals on the ark breed during the voyage or was that forbidden since space was limited?

T hey most likely did for after the flood we see Noah Sacrificing every clean animal to God . If they would of not breed Noah would of cause destruction of all the clean animals.

“Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.”— Gen 8:20 (NKJV)

Because it wasn't millions of animals like many think but thousands probably around 5 thousand. Of every species there would of been room in the ark.

31) How did penguins get to Noah's ark?

T here are only 4 to 5 kinds of Penguins that live in the Antarctica but there are 14 kinds of penguins that live in temperate, or warm, climates like the Galapagos penguins in South America . Now from one kind of Penguin through microevolution they could evolve to other kinds . So if Noah lived in a area where the temperature was warmer there could of been some of these 14 types of penguins. All he needed was to take a pair or 7 pairs and in time they could of evolve.

Micro evolution change among kinds like we see below not in odds with Bible teaching and can be proven to be true.

Other kind of penguins that live in warmer area are the African Penguins (Spheniscus demersus)

Little Penguins (Eudyptula Minor) found in New Zealand and Australia

32) What is the comparison of Epic of Gilgamesh to Noah’s Ark?

C omparison of Epic of Gilgamesh to Noah’s Ark

Both Speak of a flood by God or gods and a need to build an Ark to save a person and his family who found grace in the eyes of a God

Epic of Gilgamesh

{“Enlil heard the clamour and he said to the gods in council, "The uproar of mankind is intolerable and sleep is no longer possible by reason of the babel." So the gods agreed to exterminate mankind. Enlil did this, but Ea because of his oath warned me in a dream. He whispered their words to my house of reeds, "Reed-house, reed-house! Wall, O wall, hearken reed-house, wall reflect; O man of Shurrupak, son of Ubara-Tutu; tear down your house and build a boat, abandon possessions and look for life, despise worldly goods and save your soul alive. Tear down your house, I say, and build a boat.”}

Noah’s Ark

{“So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God. And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with

violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. (Genesis 6:7-14 NKJV)”}

Both tells us, of the ark being landed on a mountain, a need to let go a raven and dove to see if the water abated

Epic of Gilgamesh

{“Then I bowed low, I sat down and I wept, the tears streamed down my face, for on every side was the waste of water. I looked for land in vain, but fourteen leagues distant there appeared a mountain, and there the boat grounded; on the mountain of Nisir the boat held fast, she held fast and did not budge. One day she held, and -a second day on the mountain of Nisir she held fast and did not budge. A third day, and a fourth day she held fast on the mountain and did not budge; a fifth day and a sixth day she held fast on the mountain. When the seventh day dawned I loosed a dove and let her go. She flew away, but finding no resting-place she returned. Then I loosed a swallow, and she flew away but finding no resting-place she returned. I loosed a raven, she saw that the waters had retreated, she ate, she flew around, she cawed, and she did not come back.”}

Noah’s Ark

{“Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth. He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground. But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself. And he waited yet another seven

days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark. Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore. (Genesis 8:4-12 NKJV)”}

Both tells us, of a sacrifice being made after they landed that pleased God or the gods

Epic of Gilgamesh

{“Then I threw everything open to the four winds, I made a sacrifice and poured out a libation on the mountain top. Seven and again seven cauldrons I set up on their stands, I heaped up wood and cane and cedar and myrtle. When the gods smelled the sweet savour, they gathered like flies over the sacrifice.”}

Noah’s Ark

{“ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done. "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease." (Genesis 8:20-22 NKJV)”}

Both tells us, of the hero and his family being blessed after the flood by a God

Epic of Gilgamesh

{“‘Then Enlil went up into the boat, he took me by the hand and my wife and made us enter the boat and kneel down on either side, he standing between us. He touched our foreheads to bless us saying,”}

Noah’s Ark

{“So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. (Genesis 9:1 NKJV)”}

I hold that the story of the Epic of Gilgamesh is evidence that the story of Noah in Bible is true and can be confirm by outside sources.

33) After the flood, did Noah turn his ark into a monument or did he turn it into building materials?

I don't know , the Bible doesn't say. But there has been people who claim to have seen in it Ararat. So it stood as a monument.

“Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.”Gen 8:4 (NKJV)

And one can find pictures and documented evidence for it still standing in Google or Utube.

Josephus states a little bit of info on the subject in

Antiquities.1.3.6 (“ (93) Now all the writers of barbarian histories make mention of this flood and of this ark; among whom is Berosus the Chaldean; for when he is describing the circumstances of the flood, he goes on thus:--"It is said there is still some part of this ship in Armenia, at the mountain of the Cordyaeans; and that some people carry off pieces of the bitumen, which they take away, and use chiefly as amulets for the averting of mischiefs." (94) Hieronymus the Egyptian, also, who wrote the Phoenician Antiquities, and Mnaseas, and a great many more, make mention of the same. Nay, Nicolaus of Damascus, in his ninety-sixth book, hath a particular relation about them, where he speaks thus:--(95) "There is a great mountain in Armenia, over Minyas, called Baris, upon which it is reported that many who fled at the time of the Deluge were saved; and that one who was carried in an ark came on shore upon the top of it; and that the

remains of the timber were a great while preserved. This might be the man about whom Moses, the legislator of the Jews wrote."

34) Who is Shem's wife in the Bible?

S he is not mentioned by named but Shem met her before the flood and brought her in the ark.

“and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;” 2Pet 2:5 (NKJV)

35) Was Nimrod a giant?

I n the Septuagint written around 250 BC seems to indicate that.

(Genesis 10:8–9 LXXE)

8.And Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be a giant upon the earth. 9.He was a giant hunter before the LORD God; wherefore they say, ‘Even as Nimrod, the giant hunter before the LORD’.

36) Why does Genesis 10:5 say that people already had more than one language before the tower of Babel? Nimrod came after Noah.

L ets read the passage

Genesis 10:5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

This is in many respects like:

Ge 10:25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name was Joktan.

This is telling us what is about to happen which hasn’t happened yet in the next chapter we see how Gentiles lands was divided according to their tongue.

Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth." But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose

to do will be withheld from them. "Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. (Genesis 11:1-9 NKJV)

It is as if I tell you as story and before I proceed, I fill you in a little something to whet your appetite about what is the story about. Chapter 11 is clearly telling us how everyone came to have a different Language, but chapter 10 is a genealogy which gives us information about what will be talked about latter on.

We see this done elsewhere in the Bible:

Like Genesis 2 which in the early of the chapter the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and the tree of Life is spoken about before it is really dealt with latter in the chapter and next chapter.

Ge 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Or the reference to man being made in the 6 days when in Chapter 1 when how he created man was not told till we get two chapter 2 then we find more information on the subject.

37) Can the world ever come together to pursue a particular course like the builders of the Tower of Babel?

Y es and this is happening before our eyes and it is scary. It shows the AntiChrist of Revelation is soon to appear . Is it pope Francis? Might be.

In many ways it has . United Nations which is many nations United , one world religion is coming very soon , we have one common language which is English. We are heading for a new unity like that of the tower of Babel .

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A One World Religion Headquarters is set to open in 2022. The headquarters will be called The Abrahamic Family House and is being built on an island in the middle eastern city of Abu Dhabi.

The headquarters is being done in collaboration with Pope Francis and Sunni Muslim leader, Sheikh Ahmen al-Tayeb, after they both signed a global peace covenant called the Document of Human Fraternity for World Peace.”)

Rev 13 (NKJV)[14] And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.[15] He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.[16]

He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,[17] and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.[18] Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is [666].

38) Is it possible that the pyramids were built shortly after the Tower of Babel?

T he word pyramid is not mentioned in the Bible but it is quite possible that it was very early after the time of the tower of Babel that it was first built.

Tower of Babel is believed to have been built in 3500-3000 BC

Pyramids like three of Giza is believed to been built around 2550 to 2490 B.C. But who is to know how many other pyramids where made which were destroyed through time that was before these three.

39) Was the tower of Babel a real place, or it was only symbolic?

T he Tower of Babel was a real place.

Josephus Jewish Historian (30–100AD) in his Antiquities of the Jews gives evidence for this place in his time outside the Bible :

Antiquities.1.4.3 (“ (118) The Sibyl also makes mention of this tower, and of the confusion of the language, when she says thus:--"When all men were of one language, some of them built a high tower, as if they would thereby ascend up to heaven; but the gods sent storms of wind and overthrew the tower, and gave everyone his peculiar language; and for this reason it was that the city was called Babylon." (119) But as to the plain of Shinar, in the country of Babylonia, Hestiaeus mentions it when he says thus:--"Such of the priests as were saved took the sacred vessels of Jupiter Enyalius, and came to Shinar of Babylonia.")

In (Bablyon) Iraq there was found a tablet which contains a Tower which might of been The Tower of Babel

The Tablet itself dates around 600 BC

40) What is truth in the Biblical story of the Tower of Babel? What was the purpose of building it? How high was and how long took to build it? Why the builders ended up speaking different languages? Have you read / heard a different story about it?

I just believe what the Bible states on the tower of Babel to be true but there other versions which we could look at which I would be glad to qoute for you two comes into mind first Josephus in his writtings of Antiquities of the Jews which we read the following:

("Antiquities.1.4.1 (109) Now the sons of Noah were three,--Shem, Japhet, and Ham, born one hundred years before the Deluge. These first of all descended from the mountains into the plains and fixed their habitations there; and persuaded others who were greatly afraid of the lower grounds on account of the floods and so were very loth to come down from the higher place, to venture to follow their examples. (110) Now the plain in which they first dwelt was called Shinar. God also commanded them to send colonies abroad, for the thorough peopling of the earth,--that they might not raise seditions among themselves, but might cultivate a great part

of the earth, and enjoy its fruits after a plentiful manner: but they were so ill instructed, that they did not obey God; for which reason they fell into calamities, and were made sensible, by experience, of what sin they had been guilty; (111) for when they flourished with a numerous youth, God admonished them again to send out colonies; but they, imagining the prosperity they enjoyed was not derived from the favor of God, but supposing that their own power was the proper cause of the plentiful condition they were in, did not obey him. (112) Nay, they added to this their disobedience to the divine will, the suspicion that they were therefore ordered to send out separate colonies, that, being divided asunder, they might the more easily be oppressed. Antiquities.1.4.2 (113) Now it was Nimrod who excited them to such an affront and contempt of God. He was the grandson of Ham, the son of Noah,--a bold man, and of great strength of hand. He persuaded them not to ascribe it to God as if it was through his means they were happy, but to believe that it was their own courage which procured that happiness. (114) He also gradually changed the government into tyranny,--seeing no other way of turning men from the fear of God, but to bring them into a constant dependence upon his power. He also said he would be revenged on God, if he should have a mind to drown the world again; for that he would build a tower too high for the waters to be able to reach! and that he would avenge himself on God for destroying their forefathers! Antiquities.1.4.3 (115) Now the multitude were very ready to follow the determination of Nimrod, and to esteem it a piece of cowardice to submit to God: and they built a tower, neither sparing any pains nor being in any degree negligent about the work: and, by reason of the multitude of hands employed in it it grew very high sooner than anyone could expect; (116) but the thickness of it was so great, and it was so strongly built, that thereby its great height seemed, upon the view, to be less than it really was. It was built of burnt brick cemented together with mortar, made of bitumen, that it might not be liable to admit water. When God saw

that they acted so madly he did not resolve to destroy them utterly, since they were not growing wiser by the destruction of the former sinners; (117) but he caused a tumult among them, by producing in them divers languages: and causing that, through the multitude of those languages, they should not be able to understand one another. The place wherein they built the tower is now called Babylon; because of the confusion of that language which they readily understood before; for the Hebrews mean by the word Babel, Confusion. (118) The Sibyl also makes mention of this tower, and of the confusion of the language, when she says thus:--"When all men were of one language, some of them built a high tower, as if they would thereby ascend up to heaven; but the gods sent storms of wind and overthrew the tower, and gave everyone his peculiar language; and for this reason it was that the city was called Babylon." (119) But as to the plain of Shinar, in the country of Babylonia, Hestiaeus mentions it when he says thus:--"Such of the priests as were saved took the sacred vessels of Jupiter Enyalius, and came to Shinar of Babylonia."”)

Before we go to it's measurements it is good to know the following so when you read it you can do the math.

A cubit is 18 inches

Plams is 3 inches

Stades is 606.9 feet or 1/8 of a mile

The ancient Book of Jubilees gives us the hight and measurements of it and states

(“ And in the three and thirtieth jubilee, in the first year in the second week, Peleg took to himself a wife, whose name was Lômnâ the daughter of Sînâ’ar, and she bare him a son in the fourth year of this week, and he called his name Reu; for he said: "Behold the children of men have become evil through the wicked purpose of building for themselves a city and a tower in the land of Shinar." 19. For they departed from the land of Ararat eastward to Shinar; for in his days they built the city and the tower, saying,

"Go to, let us ascend thereby into heaven." 20. And they began to build, and in the fourth week they made brick with fire, and the bricks served them for stone, and the clay with which they cemented them together was asphalt which cometh out of the sea, and out of the fountains of water in the land of Shinar. 21. And they built it: forty and three years were they building it; its breadth was 203 bricks, and the height (of a brick) was the third of one; its height amounted to 5433 cubits and 2 palms, and (the extent of one wall was) thirteen stades (and of the other thirty stades). 22. And the Lord our God said unto us: "Behold, they are one people, and (this) they begin to do, and now nothing will be withholden from them. Go to, let us go down and confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech, and they may be dispersed into cities and nations, and one purpose will no longer abide with them till the day of judgment." 23. And the Lord descended, and we descended with Him to see the city and the tower which the children of men had built. 24. And He confounded their language, and they no longer understood one another's speech, and they ceased then to build the city and the tower. 25. For this reason the whole land of Shinar is called Babel, because the Lord did there confound all the language of the children of men, and from thence they were dispersed into their cities, each according to his language and his nation. 26. And the Lord sent a mighty wind]against the tower and overthrew it upon the earth, and behold it was between Asshur and Babylon in the land of Shinar, and they called its name "Overthrow."] 27. In the fourth week in the first year in the beginning thereof in the four and thirtieth jubilee, were they dispersed from the land of Shinar.”)

Many scholars have taken it to be some kind Ziggurat which we see below

But one thing is certain it wasn't finished God made sure of that . Now we can go to the Bible and see what it states

Gen 11 (NKJV)[1] Now the whole earth had one language and one speech.[2] And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.[3] Then they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.[4] And they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."

Verse 4 tells us why they built the tower so they wouldn't be scattered around the Earth they wanted to stay together But God wanted them to be spread around the earth

[5] But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

[6] And the Lord said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

[7] Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech."

[8] So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city.

[9] Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

So with this we end this study.

41) Why does the Bible consider the Hittites to be Canaanites if they were Indo-Europeans and weren't even Semites?

T he people of world descend from one of the three sons of Noah .

“So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth.”— Gen 9:1 (NKJV)

The Canaanites were according to the Bible from Ham .

“And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.”— Gen 9:22 (NKJV)

And the Hittites are said to be from the Canaanites according to the Bible from the sons of Heth

“Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and Heth;” Gen 10:15 (NKJV)

“Now Ephron dwelt among the sons of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the presence of the sons of Heth, all who entered at the gate of his city, saying,” Gen 23:10 (NKJV)

“Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite; Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;”— Gen 36:2 (NKJV)

There has been found archaeological evidence of thier presence being there.

Wikipedia States

(“Moreover, in the account of the conquest of Canaan, the Hittites are said to dwell "in the mountains" and "towards the north" of Canaan, a

description that matches the general direction and geography of the original Hittite Empire, which had been influential in the region prior to the Battle of Kadesh“)

There are evidence in archaeology that they dwelt there.

42) Is Abraham a descendant of Shem?

Y es

Gen 11:10-26 NKJV 10 This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem was one hundred years old, and begot Arphaxad two years after the flood. 11 After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived five hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. 12 Arphaxad lived thirty-five years, and begot Salah. 13 After he begot Salah, Arphaxad lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. 14 Salah lived thirty years, and begot Eber. 15 After he begot Eber, Salah lived four hundred and three years, and begot sons and daughters. 16 Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot Peleg. 17 After he begot Peleg, Eber lived four hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters. 18 Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. 19 After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years, and begot sons and daughters. 20 Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot Serug. 21 After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters. 22 Serug lived thirty years, and begot Nahor. 23 After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. 24 Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and begot Terah. 25 After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and begot sons and daughters. 26 Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

1Ch 1:17-27 Tanakh-1917 17 The Sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. 18 And Arpachshad begot Shelah, and Shelah begot Eber. 19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his

days the earth was divided; and his brother’s name was Joktan. 20 And Joktan begot Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah; 21 and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah; 22 and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba; 23 and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. 24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah; 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu; 26 Serug, Nahor, Terah; 27 Abram—the same is Abraham.

Luk 3:34-36 NKJV 34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, 35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, 36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,

43) How do people know the men sent to Abraham in Genesis 18 were angels? Where in the Bible does it tell us or make us believe they were angels?

I don't hold the view they were angels but a theophany a manfestion of God .

Notice what it states

Gen 18 (NKJV) 1 Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day.2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground .3 and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant.4 Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

Notice the Lord appeared , as what three men , then we see he calls these 3 men Lord

Gen 18 (NKJV) 8 So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate.9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent."10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.)

“And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken.” Gen 21:1 (NKJV)

Then when they destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah

Gen 19 (NKJV)[12] Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city--take them out of this place![13] For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it."

[29] And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

Also some of the Church Fathers took they same view like Agustine:

St. Augustine ON THE HOLY TRINITY Book 3 chapter 11 (“

25. Can there be any one who will say that the Lord appeared to Moses by an angel, but to Abraham by Himself? Let us not answer this question from Stephen, but from the book itself, whence Stephen took his narrative. For, pray, because it is written, “And the Lord God said unto Abraham;” and a little after, “And the Lord God appeared unto Abraham;” were these things, for this reason, not done by angels? Whereas it is said in like manner in another place, “And the Lord appeared to him in the plains of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;” and yet it is added immediately, “And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him:” of whom we have already spoken. For how will these people, who either will not rise from the words to the meaning, or easily throw themselves down from the meaning to the words,—how, I say, will they be able to explain that God was seen in three men, except they confess that they were angels, as that which follows also shows? Because it is not said an angel spoke or appeared to him, will they therefore venture to say that the vision and voice granted to Moses was wrought by an angel because it

is so written, but that God appeared and spake in His own substance to Abraham because there is no mention made of an angel? “)

44) Who was father Abraham father in-law and who did he paid serah bride price to?

B y what Abraham himself said it is believed that she was the daughter of his dad Terah but not of his mother or the daughter of his brother Haran. So the answer is Terah or his brother Haran.

Genesis 20:11-12 [11]And Abraham said, “Because I thought, surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will kill me on account of my wife. [12]But indeed she is truly my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.

Genesis 11:26-31

[26]Now Terah lived seventy years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Terah’s Descendants[27]This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran begot Lot.[28]And Haran died before his father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the Chaldeans.[29]Then Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of Abram’s wife was Sarai, and the name of Nahor’s wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milcah and the father of Iscah.[30]But Sarai was barren; she had no child.[31]And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram’s wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there.

According to Josephus the Jewish historian living between 30 ad and 100AD Sarah was Abraham's niece.Daughter of his brother.

Antiquity of the Jews book one chapter 7 section 1" now Abram having no son of his own, adopted Lot his brother Haran's son and his wife Sarai 's brother”

Antiquity of the Jews book one chapter 12 section 1(“upon his saying this, Abraham told him that his pretense of kindred to his wife was no lie, because she was his brother's daughter.”)

Did he pay a bride price if it was his dad maybe not and because his brother died maybe not and if he did the Bible and Jewish historians don't mention it.

45) How many times did Abraham pay tithes?

O nly once we see Abraham paying tithing and that is to Melchizedek.

Gen 14:18-20 NKJV 18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. 19 And he blessed him and said: “Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; 20 And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.” And he gave him a tithe of all.

46) Is it a must to pay tithe?

A s a pastor of a church who use to do it, then found out it wasn't for the New Testament christians I could give you reasons why not to.

Tithing was to brought to the temple , or tabernacle not to pastors, when the Herod's Temple was destroyed Jews stop tithing.

Early christians did not tithe they only gave offering. Iranaeus states in Against Heresies Book 4 Chapter 18 (“2. And the class of oblations in general has not been set aside; for there were both oblations there [among the Jews], and there are oblations here [among the Christians]. Sacrifices there were among the people; sacrifices there are, too, in the Church: but the species alone has been changed, inasmuch as the offering is now made, not by slaves, but by freemen. For the Lord is [ever] one and the same; but the character of a servile oblation is peculiar [to itself], as is also that of freemen, in order that, by the very oblations, the indication of liberty may be set forth. For with Him there is nothing purposeless, nor without signification, nor without design. And for this reason they (the Jews) had indeed the tithes of their goods consecrated to Him, but those who have received liberty set aside all their possessions for the Lord’s purposes, bestowing joyfully and freely not the less valuable portions of their property, since they have the hope of better things [hereafter]; as that poor widow acted who cast all her living into the treasury of God. “) And Paul states 1Co 16:1-3 NET 1 With regard to the collection for the saints, please follow the directions that I gave to the churches of Galatia: 2 On the first day of the week, each of you should set aside some income and save it to the extent that God has blessed you, so that a collection will not have to be

made when I come. 3 Then, when I arrive, I will send those whom you approve with letters of explanation to carry your gift to Jerusalem.

Tithing was a commandment give under the law . As Christians we are not under the Law but under grace Mat 23:23 MLV Woe to you°, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you° tithe the mint and the dill and the cumin, and yet you° left behind the weighty things of the law: the judgment and the mercy and the faith. It was essential for you° to practice these, and not to leave those undone.

Tithing showed the Melchizedek priesthood higher in authority than the Leviticus priesthood. Because Abraham gave tithing to Melchizedek. Showing that the priesthood that Jesus holds is far greater than than Aaron's priesthood. Heb 7:1-28 NET 1 Now this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, met Abraham as he was returning from defeating the kings and blessed him. 2 To him also Abraham apportioned a tithe of everything. His name first means king of righteousness, then king of Salem, that is, king of peace. 3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, he has neither beginning of days nor end of life but is like the son of God, and he remains a priest for all time. 4 But see how great he must be, if Abraham the patriarch gave him a tithe of his plunder. 5 And those of the sons of Levi who receive the priestly office have authorization according to the law to collect a tithe from the people, that is, from their fellow countrymen, although they too are descendants of Abraham. 6 But Melchizedek who does not share their ancestry collected a tithe from Abraham and blessed the one who possessed the promise. 7 Now without dispute the inferior is blessed by the superior, 8 and in one case tithes are received by mortal men, while in the other by him who is affirmed to be alive. 9 And it could be said that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid a tithe through Abraham. 10 For he was still in his ancestor Abraham’s loins when Melchizedek met him. 11 So if perfection had in fact been possible through the Levitical priesthood – for on that basis the people received the

law – what further need would there have been for another priest to arise, said to be in the order of Melchizedek and not in Aaron’s order? 12 For when the priesthood changes, a change in the law must come as well. 13 Yet the one these things are spoken about belongs to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever officiated at the altar. 14 For it is clear that our Lord is descended from Judah, yet Moses said nothing about priests in connection with that tribe. 15 And this is even clearer if another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, 16 who has become a priest not by a legal regulation about physical descent but by the power of an indestructible life. 17 For here is the testimony about him: “You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.” 18 On the one hand a former command is set aside because it is weak and useless, 19 for the law made nothing perfect. On the other hand a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God. 20 And since this was not done without a sworn affirmation – for the others have become priests without a sworn affirmation, 21 but Jesus did so with a sworn affirmation by the one who said to him, “The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, ‘You are a priest forever’” – 22 accordingly Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. 23 And the others who became priests were numerous, because death prevented them from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his priesthood permanently since he lives forever. 25 So he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. 26 For it is indeed fitting for us to have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need to do every day what those priests do, to offer sacrifices first for their own sins and then for the sins of the people, since he did this in offering himself once for all. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men subject to weakness, but the word of solemn affirmation that came after the law appoints a son made perfect forever.

If we tithe for the purpose of being bless by God we might end up being curse instead. Gal 3:10 NET For all who rely on doing the works of the law are under a curse, because it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not keep on doing everything written in the book of the law.”

These are just a few reasons why christians shouldn't tithe but just give offering and when giving it take for consideration what Paul states about giving . 2Co 9:6-7 UDB 6 The point is, anyone who sows very little seed will also have a small crop to harvest, but anyone who sows a great amount of seed will gather a great harvest. 7 First decide in your heart how much money to give, so when you give it you will not regret doing it. You should not feel that anyone is forcing you to give, because God loves a person who is happy to give.

How many times I seen people force to give in certain churches , this grieves my heart . When I was converted to Christianity, I decided to visit a Pentecostal Church and to my surprise they locked the door and they told us no one is leaving the church till they collected $5,000 for the purpose of making a school in Dominican Republic. I was very scared ,they even said that they wanted our food stamps because they can change it for money. The pastor of that church got his desire and he went to Dominican Republic and before he could spend one penny he died of a heart attack. God does not like these wolves who are stealing people's money who are making themselves rich from the poor sheeps that God has given them to attend. When I became a pastor I didn't know that the New Testament Church did not give tithes , it wasn't till many years latter under popery which sought to inslave the church back to the law. Then latter after the reformation churches stood with this custom while other didn't do tithing , but sooner or later it return in the 1800’s as a means of using the money for missionary purposes, then for a pastor's wages.

47) What do you think was going on in Abraham's heart when he sent Hagar and Ishmael away?

A braham loved Ishmael but he received a command from God to send him away as his wife told him. His heart most likely was crushed this was his first born son he seen him grow to his teens, he also through time grew fond of his mother as we see in the verse below.

Genesis 21:11–12 And the matter was very displeasing in Abraham’s sight because of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not let it be displeasing in your sight because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall be called.

The Bible states that what Sarah and God demanded of him was despleasing to him. He didn't enjoy it. But he obeyed. The Word for displeasing in Hebrew is רעע Transliteration: râʿaʿ Phonetic: raw-ah' and it means

displeasing

to be sad

Shattering

To be broken to pieces

To see as evil

Or repulsive

For God to tell him don't feel this way means he was feeling in that matter about the situation. Which verse 11 tells us.

Before he had Issac we see him telling God let Ishmael live before you. But God is God and one can not change God's mind in what he determines to do. Or what he commands us to do.

Genesis 17:18 And Abraham said to God, “Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!”

God's word can at times be both sweet to the taste but bitter to the stomach. Sweet because God the creator of the universe is speaking to us but bitter in what he commands us to do and the suffering we will have to go through to get it done.

Revelation 10:10 Then I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

48) Why did the Bible refer to Abraham as a prophet when he didn't really look or act like one?

F or a number of reasons .

God called him a prophet

Gen 20:7 NKJV Now therefore, restore the man’s wife; for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you shall live. But if you do not restore her, know that you shall surely die, you and all who are yours.”

2. God spoke to him

Gen 12:1 NKJV Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you.

3. Jesus said Abraham seen his day or seen him

Joh 8:56-57 NKJV 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” 57 Then the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

Most likely in reference to Genesis 18 where all three members of the Godhead was revealed to him . Notice he calls all three of them Lord.

Gen 18:1-3 NKJV 1 Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. 2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, 3 and said, “My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant.

The Early Church Father Augustine in the Trinity Book 3 chapter 11 states (“ 25. Can there be any one who will say that the Lord appeared to Moses by an angel, but to Abraham by Himself? Let us not answer this question from Stephen, but from the book itself, whence Stephen took his narrative. For, pray, because it is written, “And the Lord God said unto Abraham;” and a little after, “And the Lord God appeared unto Abraham;” were these things, for this reason, not done by angels? Whereas it is said in like manner in another place, “And the Lord appeared to him in the plains of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;” and yet it is added immediately, “And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him:” of whom we have already spoken. For how will these people, who either will not rise from the words to the meaning, or easily throw themselves down from the meaning to the words,—how, I say, will they be able to explain that God was seen in three men, except they confess that they were angels, as that which follows also shows? Because it is not said an angel spoke or appeared to him, will they therefore venture to say that the vision and voice granted to Moses was wrought by an angel because it is so written, but that God appeared and spake in His own substance to Abraham because there is no mention made of an angel? What of the fact, that even in respect to Abraham an angel is not left unmentioned? “)

49) How many children did Abraham give birth to?

8 are mentioned by name but not all are mentioned

From Hagar one : Ishmael

Genesis 16;15 So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

From Sarah one: Isaac

Genesis 21:1-3

[1]And the Lord visited Sarah as He had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had spoken.[2]For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.[3]And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac.

From Kenturah Six : Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

Genesis 25:1-2

[1]Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah.[2]And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.

From his other concubines unknown:

Genesis 25:6

[6]But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.

50) What is the difference between Abraham decision to sacrifice his son, God decision to sacrifice his son, Aztecs sacrifices of hearts to God, and human sacrifices in the sacrifices? Are they ritual, spiritual or barbaric acts?

T hey both believed that if they would sacrifice thier son Resurrection was to come about from it.

Abraham believed that if he would sacrifice Issac God would raise him from the dead .

“And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.""”—Gen 22:5 (NKJV)

Heb 11 (NKJV)[17] By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,[18] of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"[19] concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

But the difference was this, Abraham was going to sacrifice his son as a sign of obedience to God's command not as a means of redeeming anyone

from thier sins. While God did it for the purpose to bring redemption of sin for the one who places thier faith on his Son.

Isa 53 (NKJV)[4] Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.[5] But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.[6] All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.[7] He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.[8] He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.[9] And they made His grave with the wicked-- But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth.[10] Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

Now in Aztecs sacrifices of hearts to God, and human sacrifices in the sacrifices shows that there is in man no matter in what location a desire to be right with God by means of a sacrifice

“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.” Heb 9:22 (NKJV)

And that animal sacrifice is not enough to atone for sin.

“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.” Heb 10:4 (NKJV)

There are people in other lands in the land of the Canaanites who did this very same thing as a means of pleasing thier God's.

“And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.” Lev

18:21 (NKJV)

While I don't approve of the Aztecs and even see it as barbaric , but there is a spiritaul sense to it if one can put ourselves in thier shoes before becoming a Christian, what means did we use to try to make ourselves righteous before God . Not knowing that God already had provided a Atonement through his Son for our sins. In man there is a desire to be right with God all through the world one can see that through thier sacrifices but God would only accept what he placed on the altar and that was his son Jesus Christ.

In a Prophecy about Jesus which one can hear Jesus speaking to the Father states

Ps 40 (NKJV)[6] Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.[7] Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.[8] I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."

51) What does God reveal when Abraham says, “God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.”?

A Old Testament prophecy of the Gospel

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” John 1:29 (NKJV)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”John 3:16 (NKJV)

For Abraham believed that even if he would sacrifice his son God would raise him up from the dead just like we see in Christ.

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Heb 11 (NKJV)[17] By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,[18] of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"[19] concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

52) What made Abraham say, “I and the boy will go over there, we will worship and then we will come back to you” if he knew that he had to sacrifice Isaac?

B ecause he believed that God would raise him from the dead.

Heb 11 (NKJV)

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Issac is a type or for shallow of Christ Jesus. Issac wasn't a little boy like we see in movies or in cartoon but a grown man.

According to Jewish tradition Issac was 30 years old when he was about to be sacrifice. And Josephus states 25 .

Antiquities.1.13.2

(227) Now they had brought with them everything necessary for a sacrifice excepting the animal that was to be offered only. Now Isaac was twenty-five years old.

53) Where was Noah when Abraham came to the promised land? And how did the Israelites know that he was still alive?

N oah was not alive when Abraham came to the promise Land but one of his sons might of been according to some Jewish scholars who have taken Shem to be the Melchizedek king of Salem of Genesis 14 but I doubt it. Shem should have also died before that.

“And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years.” Gen 9:28

Noah lived only 350 years after the flood that means he would of not seen Abram even born.

54) What was Isaac’s, Abraham’s son, personality and character like?

O ne of obedience to his father even to the point of death.

Gen 22:7-9 NET2 7 Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father?” “What is it, my son?” he replied. “Here is the fire and the wood,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” 8 “God will provide for himself the lamb for the burnt offering, my son,” Abraham replied. The two of them continued on together. 9 When they came to the place God had told him about, Abraham built the altar there and arranged the wood on it. Next he tied up his son Isaac and placed him on the altar on top of the wood.

In the Jewish tradition Issac was not a child but a young man most likely 25 or even in his early 30’s . Josephus the Jewish Historian has him as 25 years old. And willing to be sacrificed in obedience to his dad.

Josephus Antiques of the Jews Book 1 Chapter 13 states (“ Now Isaac was twenty-five years old. And as he was building the altar, he asked his father what he was about to offer, since there was no animal there for an oblation : - to which it was answered, "That God would provide himself an oblation, he being able to make a plentiful provision for men out of what they have not, and to deprive others of what they already have, when they put too much trust therein; that therefore, if God pleased to be present and propitious at this sacrifice, he would provide himself an oblation."

3. As soon as the altar was prepared, and Abraham had laid on the wood, and all things were entirely ready, he said to his son, "O son, I poured out a vast number of prayers that I might have thee for my son; when thou wast come into the world, there was nothing that could contribute to thy

support for which I was not greatly solicitous, nor any thing wherein I thought myself happier than to see thee grown up to man's estate, and that I might leave thee at my death the successor to my dominion; but since it was by God's will that I became thy father, and it is now his will that I relinquish thee, bear this consecration to God with a generous mind; for I resign thee up to God who has thought fit now to require this testimony of honor to himself, on account of the favors he hath conferred on me, in being to me a supporter and defender. Accordingly thou, my son, wilt now die, not in any common way of going out of the world, but sent to God, the Father of all men, beforehand, by thy own father, in the nature of a sacrifice. I suppose he thinks thee worthy to get clear of this world neither by disease, neither by war, nor by any other severe way, by which death usually comes upon men, but so that he will receive thy soul with prayers and holy offices of religion, and will place thee near to himself, and thou wilt there be to me a succorer and supporter in my old age; on which account I principally brought thee up, and thou wilt thereby procure me God for my Comforter instead of thyself."

4. Now Isaac was of such a generous disposition as became the son of such a father, and was pleased with this discourse; and said, "That he was not worthy to be born at first, if he should reject the determination of God and of his father, and should not resign himself up readily to both their pleasures; since it would have been unjust if he had not obeyed, even if his father alone had so resolved." So he went immediately to the altar to be sacrificed. And the deed had been done if God had not opposed it; “)

Rashi's Commentary on the Tanakh Translated by M. Rosenbaum and A.M. Silbermann states

(“Others say that it means “after the words of Ishmael” who boasted to Isaac that he had been circumcised when he was thirteen years old without resisting. Isaac replied to him, “You think to intimidate me by mentioning

the loss of one part of the body! If the Holy One, blessed be He, were to tell me, “Sacrifice yourself to Me” I would not refuse” (Sanhedrin 89b).”)

In Christianity Issac prefigures Jesus who was obedient to his father to the point of death and became the atonement for the sinner who places his faith in him. And even the resurrection of Jesus is prefigure in Abraham's faith.

Joh 3:16 NET2 For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

Heb 11:17-19 NET2 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. He had received the promises, yet he was ready to offer up his only son. 18 God had told him, “Through Isaac descendants will carry on your name,” 19 and he reasoned that God could even raise him from the dead, and in a sense he received him back from there.

Gen 22:5 NET2 So he said to his servants, “You two stay here with the donkey while the boy and I go up there. We will worship and then return to you.”

Rashi comment on this and states (“ונשובה AND WE WILL COME BACK — He prophesied that they would both return (Midrash Tanchuma, Vayera 22).”)

55) Did Ishmael (the son of the patriarch Abraham) repent at the end of his life according to Jewish tradition?

A ccording to the Bible Ishmael and Issac relationship got better for we see them both burying Abraham.

“And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite,” Gen 25:9 (NKJV)

And Abraham grandson Esau took a wife from among the daughters of Ishmael.

“So Esau went to Ishmael and took Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife in addition to the wives he had.” Gen 28:9 (NKJV)

56) Is Jacob's Ladder a real thing or is it a metaphor for Jesus because the only way to get to heaven is through Jesus?

I t is a metaphor, symbol , shallow of Jesus.

“Then he (Jacob) dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.”— Gen 28:12 (NKJV)

Compare to

“And He (Jesus) said to him (Nathaniel) , "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.""— John 1:51 (NKJV)

57) According to Genesis 32:22-32, Jacob was involved in an intensive wrestling match that lasted all night. Who was it with?

W ith Jesus for he recognizes he was wrestling with God. This was what we call christophany or theophany (a manifestation of Christ or a manifestation of God)

Gen 32 (NKJV)[24] Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.[25] Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.[26] And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"[27] So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."[28] And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."[29] Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.[30] And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

And Jacob hinted at this when he was talking to his brother Esau

“And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then receive my present from my hand, inasmuch as I have seen your face as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me.” Gen 33:10 (NKJV)

58) Is there significance in the Torah calling yaakov "yaakov" at the start of miketz, then switching to "yisrael" in the middle (midrash, jacob, protocl, Hebrew, Judaism)?

F or those who doesn't know what miketz is let me explain it for them .

Miketz or Mikeitz is the tenth weekly Torah portion in the annual Jewish cycle of Torah reading. It constitutes Genesis 41:1–44:17.

Yaakov is Jacob in Hebrew

Yisrael is Israel in Hebrew

Remember Jacob named was changed by the Angel of the Lord when Jacob had his wrestling match with him.

Gen 32 (NKJV)[27] So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."[28] And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."

Slowly but surely Jacob started receiving his new identity no longer Jacob which means that supplants, undermines; the heel …. But now he is Israel which means he struggles with God, who prevails with God.

Jacob is no longer the person who he was, God is bringing him to a new level in his walk with him , even though in this walk there has to be brokenness and shatteredness from the suffering he had to endure but he is in victory in God's eyes. And he has prevailed in his faith (trust) in God.

59) How many wives did Jacob have in the Bible?

4 wives which where Leah , Rachel, Bilhah, and Zilpah

Genesis 29:23,28

[23]Now it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.[28]Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her week. So he gave him his daughter Rachel as wife also.

Genesis 30:4 [4]Then she (Rachel) gave him Bilhah her maid as wife, and Jacob went in to her.

Genesis 30:9[9]When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and gave her to Jacob as wife.

But he only acknowledge one before his death and that was Leah

Genesis 49:29-31

[29]Then he charged them and said to them: “I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,[30]in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite as a possession for a burial place.[31]There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah.

60) What does it mean "to wrestle with God"? What is the Bible story behind this phrase, and how can it be interpreted?

I t means to struggle in your prayers and persevere. Especially when you do not see it answered at the moment.

This is the Bible story behind the phrase. Jacob while being alone worried about meeting his brother who might killed him and his family has a all night wrestling match with a man who he didn't know was God.

Gen 32 (NKJV)[24] Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.[25] Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.[26] And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"[27] So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."[28] And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."[29] Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.[30] And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."[31] Just as he crossed over Penuel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip.[32] Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank.

This the story I take it as a true event we can learn a number of things .

1) God is never too far from our worries , when we think we are as it were alone, God is there.

2) At times we have to take hold of God's promises in our prayers and not let go.

3) Struggling in our prayers is not a rejection but a open invitation to hold on even more and not to loose hope when everything seems lost.

61) The commentary of the Glorious Qur'an reveals that Prophet Jacob (peace be upon Him) possessed the power of clairvoyance. Does the Bible also accept this fact?

F irst let's define clairvoyance according to Google

clair·voy·ance

/ˌklerˈvoiəns/

noun

the supposed faculty of perceiving things or events in the future or beyond normal sensory contact.

Clairvoyance could be a reference to prophecy and if that is the case the Bible agrees here with the Koran.

For Jacob spoke prophecy (telling the future in advance) to his children of what was to happen in the future to thier tribes

“And Jacob called his sons and said, "Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days:”— Genesis 49:1 (NKJV)

And he also spoke prophecy to his grandchildren

Gen 48 (NKJV)[18] And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, my father, for this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head."[19] But his father refused and said, "I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people,

and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his descendants shall become a multitude of nations."[20] So he blessed them that day, saying, "By you Israel will bless, saying, 'May God make you as Ephraim and as Manasseh!' " And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh.

62) Why did Jacob favor Ephraim? Why did he place his right hand on him instead of the first born? This has happened many times in Genesis, to different pairs of siblings where the first born will serve the second. Is there a hidden wisdom behind this?

G od had a far greater purpose for Ephraim than for Manasseh

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In the Book Jeremiah, God calls Ephraim my first born even though Manasseh was born first.

“They shall come with weeping, And with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For I am a Father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn.” Jer 31:9 (NKJV)

We could see this as the doctrine of Election as it states in Romans, God choosing who he disire for the purpose he desire for them whether it is salvation , damnation, or to fullfilll a task.

Rom 9 (NKJV)[10] And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac[11] (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls),[12] it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger."[13] As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

God has every right to do as he desires with his things whether it involves us or not for the purpose he sees fit, whether we are are saved in the Lord or not, we all belong to him since he is our creator and he has every right to do as he desires with his property.

Mat 20 (NKJV)[13] But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?[14] Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.[15] Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?'

Rom 9 (NKJV)[19] You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?"[20] But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"

63) How many of Jacob's descendants went to Egypt?

T he Bible says 70

Genesis 46:27 And the sons of Joseph who were born to him in Egypt were two persons. All the persons of the house of Jacob who went to Egypt were seventy.

64) Is wearing earrings a sin because in my denomination, they don’t allow it and in the Bible, I don't see where it was stated not to wear earrings?

E arings at times in the Bible are associated with Idolatry.

Examples when Jacob told his family to put allway the foreign gods, the earings was to be put away aswell

Gen 35 (NKJV)[2] And Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, "Put away the foreign gods that are among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments.[3] Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the way which I have gone."[4] So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hands, and the earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which was by Shechem.

When Aaron made the golden calf he made it from the earings of the people

Exo 32 (NKJV)[2] And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."[3] So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.[4] And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made

a molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

Other times it is not .

Abraham's servant gave a nose ring to Rebecca when he found her as a wife for Issac.

“So it was, when the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden nose ring weighing half a shekel, and two bracelets for her wrists weighing ten shekels of gold, Gen 24:22 (NKJV)

In the New Testament we are told when we go to church not to have jewelry.

“Do not let your adornment be merely outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel-–” 1Pet 3:3 (NKJV)

1Tim 2 (NKJV)[9] in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,[10] but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

65) How did the patriarch Jacob become the father of the Israelites and the Samaritans?

H e was the Father of the 12 patriachs of the 12 tribes of Israel.

“Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers.” Mat 1:2 (NKJV)

1Chr 2 (NKJV)[1] These were the sons of Israel (Jacob): Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun,[2] Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

After the 10 tribes of Israel went into Captivity by Assyria in 720 BC. The king of the Assyra repopulate the land Samaria where those 10 tribes was located with the people from other nations.

2Kin 18 (NKJV)[10] And at the end of three years they took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is, the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.[11] Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away captive to Assyria, and put them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

“Then the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities.” 2Kin 17:24 (NKJV)

The King of Assyria later on sent a priest from the tribe of Levi to teach these people how fear God because God was sending plagues on them.

2Kin 17 (NKJV)[27] Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, "Send there one of the priests whom you brought from there; let him go and dwell there, and let him teach them the rituals of the God of the land."[28] Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the Lord.

Josephus claims those people after a while in the land of Samaria became known as the Samaritans and claim to be descendants of Joseph the son of Jacob.

Antiquities.9.14.3 (288) But now the Cutheans, who removed into Samaria (for that is the name they have been called by to this time, because they were brought out of the country called Cuthah, which is a country of Persia, and there is a river of the same name in it), each of them, according to their nations, which were in number five, brought their own gods into Samaria, and by worshiping them, as was the custom of their own countries, they provoked Almighty God to be angry and displeased at them, (289) for a plague seized upon them, by which they were destroyed; and when they found no cure for their miseries, they learned by the oracle that they ought to worship Almighty God, as the method for their deliverance. So they sent ambassadors to the king of Assyria, and desired him to send them some of those priests of the Israelites whom he had taken captive. (290) And when he thereupon sent them, and the people were by them taught the laws and the holy worship of God, they worshiped him in a respectful manner, and the plague ceased immediately; and indeed they continue to make use of the very same customs to this very time, and are called in the Hebrew tongue Cutheans; but in the Greek Samaritans. (291) And when they see the Jews in prosperity, they pretend that they are changed, and allied to them, and call them kinsmen, as though they were derived from Joseph, and had by that means an original alliance with them: but when they see them falling into a low condition, they say they are no way related to them, and that the Jews have no right to expect any kindness or marks of kindred from them,

but they declare that they are sojourners, that come from other countries. But of these we shall have a more seasonable opportunity to discourse hereafter.

66) In Genesis 36, the genealogy of Esau's descendants is given in some detail. Other than recording the fulfillment of G_d's promises to Abraham, does it serve another purpose?

A ccording to the Septuagint Greek version of the Old Testament written around 250 BC here we also find the identity of Job from the Book of Job.

Genesis 36:33-34 [33]And when Bela died, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.[34]When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place.

Compare this passage with the Septuagint In Job 42:16–17

16.And Job lived after his affliction an hundred and seventy years; and all the years that he lived were two hundred and forty; and Job saw his sons, and his son’s sons, the fourth generation. And Job died an old man full of days; 17.aand it is written that he will rise again, with those whom God raiseth up. 17.bThis man is described in the Syriac book as living in the land of Ausitis, on the borders of Edom and Arabia; and his name before was Jobab. 17.cAnd having taken an Arabian wife, he begat a son whose name was Ennon, and he himself was the son of his father Zare, one of the sons of Esau, and of his mother Bosorra, so that he was the fifth generation from Abraham. 17.dAnd these were the kings that reigned in Edom, which

country he also ruled over: first Balak the son of Beor, and the name of his city was Dennaba, but after Balak, Jobab, who is called Job, and after him Asom, who was governor out of the country of Teman, and after him Adad the son of Barad, who destroyed Midian in the plain of Moab; and the name of his city was Gethaim. 17.eAnd his friends which came unto him were Eliphaz of the children of Esau, king of the Temanites, Bildad sovereign of the Shuhites, and Zophar king of the Naamathites. }

So that is a other purpose for Genesis 36 Genealogy

67) Which people within the Old Testament are a type of Christ, and in what way?

A dam, Abel, Noah, Issac, Joseph

We have a long list to look at so I am going to Just do Genesis and in a other time I will add to this study.

Adam

Jesus is rightly called the second Adam

Rom 5 (NKJV)[12] Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—[13] For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed (meaning charge to the person account) when there is no law.[14] Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

(Before we read the following lines notice Adam is a type of Jesus and as we continue will see where one Adam failed Jesus did not)

[15] But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace (unmerited favor, being given something that we don't deserve) of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.[16] And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification (right standing before God).[17] For if by the

one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.[18] Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.[19] For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.[20] Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,[21] so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Adam gave us spiritual death, sin and death to us where Jesus gave us right standing before God which we call righteousness.

Adam fell because of food unlike Jesus who did not fall because of food.

Gen 3:6 LEB..... And she gave it also to her husband with her, and he ate.

Mat 4:1-4 LEB 1 Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil, 2 and after he had fasted forty days and forty nights, then he was hungry. 3 And the tempter approached and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, order that these stones become bread.” 4 But he answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man will not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes out of the mouth of God.”

1Ti Mat 4:1 LEB Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil,:

Adam willfully gave himself because of Eve .He was not deceive he knew what he was doing. He loved her enough to die for her. As Jesus also gave himself for his bride because he loved her. But in Adam giving his for her death came but in Jesus giving his life everlasting life and righteousness came about.

1Ti 2:14 LEB and Adam was not deceived

“I (Jesus)am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.”John 10:11 (NKJV)

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. John 15:13 (NKJV)

For Eve to be living she was brought forth from Adam side

Gen 2 (NKJV)[21] And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.[22] Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

The same can be spoken of Jesus he had to sleep or what we call death so his side could be pierced to give his church life

John 19 (NKJV)[32] Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.[33] But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.[34] But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

When Adam and Eve sinned a flaming sword was put in the garden of Eden so Adam and Eve couldn't get back in the garden and partake of the tree of life and this live forever.

Gen 3 (NKJV)[22] Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"-—[23] therefore the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.[24] So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Now the Lord promise Someone was to receive the strike of that sword that would open the way for the tree of Life.

“"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the Lord of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep

will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones.” Zech 13:7 (NKJV)

Jesus qoutes this prophecy and states it is a reference to him.

“Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'” Mat 26:31 (NKJV)

When Jesus died on the cross he spiritually took the strike of that sword upon himself making the way of the garden open to us once again .

Luk 23 (NKJV)[39] Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."[40] But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?[41] And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."[42] Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."[43] And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

If there is any doubt about where and what is this Paradise .

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." ’”Rev 2:7 (NKJV)

The first Adam through his rebellion brought us far from the garden the second Adam our Lord though his obedience brought us right back to it.

Jesus as our second Adam was the first to receive a glorified spiritual body which we will all one day part take of it.

1Cor 15 (NKJV)[42] So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.[43] It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.[44] It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.[45] And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.[46] However, the

spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.[47] The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.[48] As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.[49] And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

Phil 3 (NKJV)[20] For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,[21] who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

1Jn 3 (NKJV)[1] Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.[2] Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1Cor 15 (NKJV)[50] Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.[51] Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-—[52] in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.[53] For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.[54] So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."[55] "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"[56] The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.[57] But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.[58] Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

For the sake of those who think Jesus rose as a spirit and not with his own body which was glorified let's read

Luk 24 (NKJV)[37] But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit.[38] And He said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?[39] Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have."[40] When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.[41] But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, "Have you any food here?"[42] So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.[43] And He took it and ate in their presence.

John 2 (NKJV)[19] Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."[20] Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"[21] But He was speaking of the temple of His body.[22] Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

So life-giving spirit means a glorified body which as Christians we will all receive. And with that our inheritance.

“He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.”Rev 21:7 (NKJV)

And Angels serving us

Heb 1 (NKJV)[13] But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?[14] Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?

More can be said of what our 2nd Adam will give and has given us ,

Abel

Offered a lamb as a sacrifice who Jesus symbolized and was accepted by God as Christ sacrifice is acceptable to God

Gen 4:4 NKJV Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

His blood is compared to the blood of Christ

Heb 12:24 NKJV to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

Noah

Made a way of Salvation for those in his time by the ark and those who wanted to be saved had to go to him

Heb 11:7 NKJV By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Issac

He is called Hebrews Abraham's only begotten Son (according to God's promise) Gave himself willing to be sacrifice . Father believed if he would die he would raise from the dead.

Gen 22:5 NKJV And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

Heb 11:17-19 NKJV 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,” 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Joseph

Was his father favorite Son Just like Jesus is God the Father favorite Son

Gen 37:3 NKJV Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

Mat 3:17 NKJV And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Was given a beautiful Tunic just like Jesus

Gen 37:3 NKJV…… Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

Luk 23:11 NKJV Then Herod, with his men of war, treated Him (Jesus) with contempt and mocked Him (Jesus), arrayed Him (Jesus) in a gorgeous robe, and sent Him (Jesus) back to Pilate.

Sold for the price of a slave just like Jesus.

Psa 105:17 NKJV He sent a man before them— Joseph—who was sold as a slave.

Exo 21:32 NKJV If the ox gores a male or female servant, he shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

Mat 26:15 NKJV and said, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?” And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.

Appeared to his brethren and was not recognized just like Jesus

Gen 42:8 NKJV So Joseph recognized his brothers, but they did not recognize him.

Luk 24:16 NKJV But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him (Jesus).

68) How old was Joseph when he had Manasseh Ephraim?

H e was around his 30’s because that was the age he came to Pharaoh.

“Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt.” Gen 41:46 (NKJV)

And around that time Pharaoh gave Joseph his wife which was the mother of both Manasseh and Ephraim.

“And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt. — Gen 41:45 (NKJV)

69) Scripture tells of Joseph's brothers going to Egypt to buy food because of a severe famine in their land. Where did his brothers and his father Jacob live?

I n the land of Canaan

Ge 37:1 ¶ Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.

Ge 38:2 There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; he married her and went in to her.